

Drunk on the Catwalk



Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary work

Do you know the meanings of these words? Discuss the meanings with your group.

champagne Alcoholics Anonymous clinic jet-set hedonistic marijuana
fashion shows millionaire drug abuse sober photo shoots cat walk

B: Think about...

In pairs or groups, DISCUSS these questions for 10-15 minutes. THEN, **AFTER** you have discussed these questions, write your answers.

1. What do models do in their job?

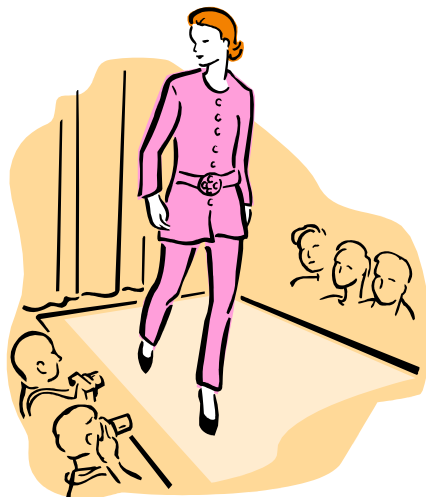
2. Do you know the names of any models?

3. What kind of training for their work do models have?

4. What are the advantages of their work?

5. Would you like to be a model? Why or why not?

6. What words from the list in A do you associate with modeling. Why?



Reading Activities

A: Listen while your teacher reads the article. As you are listening, circle all the words that you don't know. Then, with your group, read the article OUT LOUD. When you are finished, look up the words you circled in your dictionary.

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LONDON Thursday February 18 (Reuters) - British supermodel Kate Moss has reported she is a recovering alcoholic who had not walked down a catwalk sober for 10 years.

Moss, 25, told reporters of her hedonistic jet-set life of champagne, vodka and marijuana in her decade as a top international model.

But she told The Face magazine in an interview that "things got out of control" and that after five weeks in a London clinic specializing in drink and drug abuse she hopes to have overcome her past life.

Moss, who came to fame as fragile 15-year-old, said that in the worst days of her addiction she started drinking at 10 in the morning and would carry a hip flask on photo shoots.

"I kind of lost myself a little bit," she said. "I don't want to go back to how I was."

Moss said she had not walked down a catwalk sober in 10 years in a world where some top models regularly started their days with champagne.

"That's what you do. You just have champagne. You always have champagne before shows. Always. Even at 10 in the morning. It got to the point, when we said, 'We're not going out without any champagne.' Terrible."

Millionaire Moss, who now attends meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, said she started drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana at the age of 12 in the homes of friends on her way to school in south London.

After admitting herself into a London clinic in November, she says she has now thrown away her hip flask and has never been happier.

"I'm sober. I'm single. I have great friends. I like my job. I'm not stupid," she said.



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B: Comprehension Choose the best answer from the list of choices in **bold**.

(1 point each) Score ____ /5

1. Kate Moss has been a famous model for (**5 / 10 / 15**) years.
2. According to the article Kate Moss says she was (**never / always / sometimes**) drunk when she performed in fashion shows.
3. In the article she says she began drinking (**in photo shoots / on catwalks / in the homes of her friends**.)
4. Moss has thrown away her hip flask because (**it's the wrong color / it's no longer fashionable / she doesn't want to drink any more**.) (A hip flask is a small metal bottle which can be carried in a pocket and usually contains alcohol.)
5. Now she is very happy because she is (**sober / single / a supermodel**.)

C: Thinking Carefully

(2 points each) Score ____ /6

1. Kate Moss said in an interview that "*things got out of control*". What *things* got out of control?
2. In the article Moss said "*I don't want to go back to how I was*." What does she mean?
3. Why do you think Moss said, "*I'm not stupid*," at the end of the article?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Post-Reading Activities

A: Language

(2 points each) Score ____/12

- * Kate Moss **used to** smoke marijuana when she was a school girl.
- * She **used to** have a "hedonistic jet-set life of champagne..." but now she is much happier.

What does "**used to**" mean?

Write 3 sentences using '**used to**' about Kate Moss's former life.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Now write 3 sentences using '**used to**' about *your* life before you came to MMU.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

B: Dialogue Creation

Score ____/10

With your group, pretend you are interviewing a famous model (male or female). Write the conversation below. If there is time practice the conversation with your group members.

Interviewer: _____?

Model: _____

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Interviewer: _____?

Model: _____

C: New Words

In the "Additional New Words and Expressions" section of your Reading Journal, add all the words you did not know in today's worksheet.



Answers

Reading Activity A

1. 10 years 2. always 3. in the homes of her friends 4. she doesn't want to drink anymore 5. sober

